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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Record of Communication – meeting with Uinta Basin County Commissioners and others

FROM: Jody Ostendorf
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TO: U&O FIP docket

This memorandum is to serve as a record of communication for a meeting that occurred between the Uinta Basin County Commissioners and others and US EPA Region 8 on October 21, 2015, from 10-11 a.m.

Attendees:

EPA

Carl Daly, Air Program Director
Deirdre Rothery, Air Program
Monica Morales, Air Program
Cindy Beeler, Energy Advisor
Claudia Smith, Air Program
Jody Ostendorf, Air Program
Chris Dresser, Air Program
Chris Stoneman, OAQPS

UDAQ

Brock LeBaron, Division of Air Quality
Sheila Vance, Division of Air Quality

Uinta Basin County
Commissioners

Mike McKee, Uintah County
Ron Winterton, Uintah County
Bill Stringer, Uintah County
Mike McKee, Uintah County
Greg Todd, Duchesne County
Mike Hyde, Duchesne County
Ken Burdick, Duchesne County

Others

Jon Stearmer, Uintah County Attorney
Scott Sweat, Heber City Attorney
Seth Lyman, Utah State University
John Andrews, Utah Attorney General's office

Summary of Meeting

The purpose of this meeting was to provide information and gain input from the County Commissioners and others on current and planned regulation of existing oil and gas production sources in the Uinta Basin.

EPA provided a brief summary of proposed oil and gas-related national rulemakings that were signed on August 18, 2015: Methane/VOC regulatory updates, the tribal NSR FIP and the definition of source.

EPA discussed approaches for controlling existing sources in Indian Country based on EPA's Tribal Authority Rule (TAR) and the proposed national tribal NSR FIP. The TAR states that, if necessary and appropriate, EPA may issue a site-specific FIP for tribal lands at risk of becoming nonattainment. The proposed Tribal NSR FIP states that "EPA's plan is to address existing sources, to the extent necessary, in the context of area- or reservation-specific FIPS designed address areas or reservations with air quality issues (including nonattainment areas), as they arise, that are associated with oil and natural gas activities."

EPA also presented our understanding of the Oil and Gas Universe in the Uinta Basin, including air quality metrics, oil and gas production data, emissions data, tribal minor source registrations data and data gaps.

The County Commissioners raised concerns about the impact of the FIP on economic development during this time of declining production, with more wells being shut in than new wells being drilled.